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UNEMPLOYED ARE HANDLED A LEMON

"Labor" Mayor Moore and Republican Council Answer Gigantic Demonstration by Referring Workingmen to a Committee that May Never Meet -- Unemployed Committee Denied Hearing by Council

The gigantic unemployed demonstration totaling 8,000 marching men, headed by National Organizer Walsh, of the I. W. W., J. P. Anderson and officials of various unions, waited upon Mayor Moore and presented a series of demands for the immediate relief of needy workingmen, embodying the following:

The feeding and sheltering of unemployed without, however, police supervision.

Weekly allowances sufficient to guarantee support to heads of families and their dependents.

Opening of all public works for the employment of idle men at prevailing union hours and wages.

The abolition of the infamous chain gang; such penal work to be given to free labor at union schedule.

The authorized spokesmen were given scant satisfaction, Moore confessing his inability or indifference by claiming that the County Commissioners have promised an appropriation of \$5,000 to establish road camps. He stated he was without power to make provision for impoverished families and all public work was now given out; that the City Council alone possessed authority to repeal the ordinance legalizing the chain gang.

The executive committee then decided to carry their demands to the City Fathers in session at 8 p. m. Pending that body's decision, 500 unemployed unionists were given meals by the Industrial Workers and sympathizers, a Washington Street restaurant-keeper generously promising to care daily for 100 union men.

At the Council meeting in the evening the demands of the unemployed were read and a great crowd gathered around the city hall to hear the decision of that body in the matter.

The recommendation of the County Commissioners that road camps be established and that the unemployed be furnished work and receive in return sleeping quarters, three meals a day and two bits to buy clothes, was read, together with the action of the County Commissioners in appropriating \$5,000 for the establishment of these camps.

The action of the County Commissioners received the sanction of the City Council and Councilman Bowen introduced a resolution appropriating \$2,000 to be added to the \$5,000 appropriated by the county, with the amendment that only sleeping quarters and three meals a day be given to the workers and that the original proposition of giving 25c a day be killed.

In support of his motion Mr. Bowen said: "We'll see whether they want work or not. If they won't work at these terms we'll give them the chain gang."

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County Jail, Dec. 22, 1907.

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Dear Sir: You will no doubt be surprised to receive this description of conditions now existing on the chain gang. I write this to let you know the truth, and I will admit I write it for my own benefit as well. I wish to see Attorney Brown. This letter I wish you to keep on file till I get out, for if it were published now with my name signed to it my treatment during the remainder of my time would be something fierce, and beside I think this would be a good thing to spring later on, about election time. Every word contained here I am ready and more than willing to PROVE. From now on I will keep a diary of every day, so that we can publish the whole thing in the near future. Hoping I have not intruded on your time I remain,

Your Friend and Brother,
B. B. STEWART.

Was arrested on the 27th day of November on a charge of forgery. This was in the evening of the 27th. I was held until the 6th day of December and tried. Was denied the light of counsel. Heard nothing more of the forgery charge, but was charged with no visible means of support. When arrested had \$35 on my person, a meal ticket with but two meals punched and room rent paid in advance. Have been in Seattle three years, have never been idle, have never been arrested before in this city, was sober when arrested, was sentenced to serve 30 days and pay a fine of \$100, a total of 63 days to serve on the chain gang.

Now for the treatment afforded us here. In the tank I am confined in there are sleeping quarters for 38 men. I have seen 66 men in here, many sleeping on the floor with no blankets. Our rations consist of mush, bread and coffee for breakfast, with no milk or sugar. Dinner, boiled beans or peas, one boiled potato with the skin on, dropped in the soup, one quarter loaf of bread, tea. Supper, same dope.

Nice nourishment to do seven hours good hard graft.

I have seen men beaten and kicked here by the boss guard of the chain gang, Roberts. I saw one man get a punch in the face for having the piles. I saw one man kicked severely for having a cold and a bad venereal disease.

On the morning of the 18th, feeling poorly, Mr. Fraser, one of the guards, told me to stay in. I stayed in two days. The third day I was told by Roberts to go to work. I told him I was unable to work, which I am and can prove it. He told me he would learn me to question his authority and began kicking and beating me. I did not resist him. He kicked and pushed me into the hospital ward, and then went out, and borrowed a black jack, came back, beat me with that, and put me in the black hole 24 hours with nothing to eat or drink.

Now, my case is only one in a great many, and some being worse than mine. One man I know of was beaten, thrown into the black hole for 9 days, because he was unable to work and refused to do so.

We are not considered humans. The officers' pet names for us are "sons of bitches," "bastards" and others too numerous to mention, but of a like character.

There is no use to describe conditions at the police court and city jail, for those you know even better than I do. One man on the gang was knocked down with a pair of handcuffs for saying something the guard did not like.

Now, Brothers, I believe I am illegally held here. I am sick, and I wish you would send attorney Brown to see me, and we will try and see what can be done. A member of your party, illegally held here, suggests that you come to chain gang works some day at noon, give some sign of recognition, and we will slip him a meal which he can take down town and exhibit it to the citizens in some conspicuous place.

There is a great deal more of like matter I could tell, but am short of paper. Please send the attorney to see me and then can tell him all. This I do not care to have published until I get out, for good reasons.

B. B. STEWART.

Is the Wage Worker intelligent enough to emancipate himself? Capitalists and pessimists say no. Socialists say yes.

Are the Wage Workers of Seattle intelligent enough in this year 1908, to take a meal ticket when it is offered to them? We shall see on March 3, the day of the City Election.

The Socialist Party ballot this Spring in Seattle is a meal ticket for every Wage Worker in the city. Will they have sense enough to see it and use it?

Five Thousand ballots will elect the Socialist ticket on March 3. There are Ten Thousand Unemployed in the city. Half of them are voters. That half can elect the Socialist ticket, if they know enough to recognize a meal ticket when they see it.

There are a few Wage Workers in

Seattle who will not use a meal ticket if it has the word Socialist on it. They would rather go hungry and would rather their fellow workers went hungry, too. Funny, isn't it?

The Socialist Party Platform is an absolute pledge to provide city work for the Unemployed. No one doubts the Socialist candidates will carry out the pledge. Five thousand votes will elect them. There are ten thousand wage workers' votes in Seattle. It

certainly ought to be a "cinch" they will be elected.

George Cotterill looks pretty sick these days. No wonder. He is tied up with Emperor William and the Fake Labor Leaders. George's stock in trade has always been his "honesty" and "virtue." Looks now as if he had lost either that or his head, or both. But then George was never noted for political sense.

What the Socialist Party will Do for the Unemployed

"WORKINGMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS; YOU HAVE A WORLD TO GAIN!"

We, the Socialist Party of Seattle in convention assembled, proclaim our allegiance to the Socialist Party of the United States and of the State of Washington, and affirm our unflinching adherence to the principles and the program of international revolutionary Socialism.

In presenting our candidates to the working class and those in sympathy with it, we base our appeal upon the following declarations as our PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

- ### 1. The Great Present Problem

The greatest problem before the American people is the Problem of the Unemployed.

This is true at all times and especially true during Hard Times. Wage Workers have been more numerous than jobs ever since the Reign of Capital began in America some Fifty years ago.

The "Industrial Revolution" by which "Labor Saving Machinery" does the World's Work, introduced the "Industrial Reserve Army," an army of propertyless Workers, including all grades, from the so-called "Honest Workingman" to the miscalled "Hobo."

This Problem of the Unemployed constitutes also the real Problem of the Employed. For so long as the Unemployed remain to take the places of the Employed, just so long will wages be held at the Subsistence level. This "Law of Wages," which allows the Employed, on the average only a bare living, which overrides all questions of rent, taxation or living expenses, is directly dependent on the continued existence of the Unemployed. Only by the Socialist Abolition of the Unemployed Army created by Capital, will the Employed army Emancipate themselves and Wage Workers secure the full product of their toil.
- ### 2. Problem Aggravated By Panic

A Business Panic like that now in progress, aggravates this ever-present Problem of the Unemployed. It lets loose thousands of hungry and homeless men and women in every city. "Crimes against Property," especially all sorts of Petit Larceny, multiply because these people will not consent to starve.

"Coxey Armies" spring up, being half-organized attempts to solve this imperious Problem of Bread.

In Seattle today there are at least Ten Thousand of these Unemployed Proletarians. This whole Puget Sound country swarms with them. They are putting up rude shacks and tents everywhere, seeking to "grub" an existence in the woods and along the shores. They throng the Police Station at night as "Sleepers," overwhelm the Police Court as "Vags," and supply endless material for the infamous "Chain Gang."
- ### 3. Capitalist Class Responsible

Something rational must be done for these unemployed masses or they will do something irrational for themselves.

The Socialist Party was founded to cure this chronic disease of Capital. It alone can permanently solve the Problem of the Unemployed. It alone can furnish even a temporary solution in a rational and peaceable manner.

This is the Socialist contention, namely, that the Capitalist Class, which owns the Machinery of Production and is in possession of all governmental agencies and therefore has control of all the jobs, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT BREAKDOWN.

In the word, the Working Class are the victims of the incapacity of the Capitalist Class. Capital has failed, at least temporarily, and Labor suffers the awful consequences.

So long as Capital remains at the head of affairs, Capital must accept all the ensuing responsibilities.

Multitudes of laborers are always hunting jobs in the best of times, but they do manage to exist and Capital therefore keeps them contented. But now, when Capital has gone bankrupt, when Capital closes its mills and leaves the workers to starve, now as never in prosperous times, the Socialist proposals must be heard and heeded.
- ### 4. The General Solution

The permanent solution of the Problem of the Unemployed offered by the Socialist Party, is to transfer the Machinery of Production from the inefficient hands of Capital to the efficient hands of Labor. The Working Class must finally supplant the Capitalist Class because of the utter failure of the latter to "make good" as Manager of Society.

No Society can permanently endure in which wealth is produced abundantly for all but appropriated by a few, while the masses barely subsist. The masses will rebel and conquer.

Such a permanent solution is not possible in an isolated Municipality. It can be achieved on no less than a national scale.
- ### 5. The Local Solution

Therefore the Socialist Party demands and promises this temporary and local solution, namely: The resources and credit of the City of Seattle, all of which have been produced by Labor but retained by Capital, shall in the present crisis and want, be used to provide work and bread for the Unemployed; such provision to be continued till the Capitalist Class resumes its abandoned functions, reopens its silent factories and thus provides subsistence for its employes in the normal Capitalist way.

In one word, Capital must settle its Workingmen's Liens first of all. These workingmen can foreclose their liens through the Socialist Party. These starving slaves can capture the City Government for themselves and provide for themselves by means of their own Party.

The Socialist Party definitely pledges itself, if its candidates are elected, to exercise all municipal authority to institute public improvements sufficient to provide a living for the City's normal quota of the Unemployed and to use all the public powers to raise the money to pay their wages.
- ### 6. Summary

(A). Through the Socialist Party the Working Class always demands that the control of Modern Social Production be taken from the grasping hands of Capital and transferred to the strong arms of Labor.

(B). Through the Socialist Party also, the Working Class in Seattle at this present hour of Capitalist disaster, demands and will take from the Class in Possession, the means of life, of which the Working Class is now deprived through the bankruptcy of the dominant capitalist class.

(C). First, last and always, the Socialist Party stands for the interests of the Wage Workers as the only progressive class and, whenever entrusted with political power, the Socialist Party will exercise that power solely in the interests of the class it stands for.
- ### 7. Instant Demands

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 - The Socialist Party will abolish the Chain Gang as the enemy of Free Labor and an insult to the Working Class.

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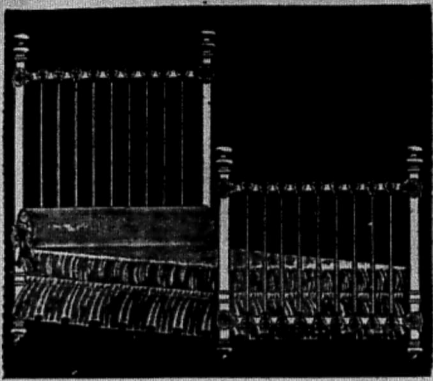
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Local Executive Committee meets every Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. in Party Headquarters, 112 Pike street rear.

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Have you paid your dues for January? Have you paid them for December? If not, why not? This is a matter which even the most indifferent members can easily attend to. Our books show that about one-third of the membership have not paid dues for December. If you are behind with your dues for one month you are not, according to the Constitution entitled to take part in the official proceedings of the Local.

The welfare of the Local and the cause for which it exists demands that every member be present at its business meetings.

The prompt payment of dues and the freeing of the Local of its present debts are no less imperative.

The loan of \$85.00 made by willing comrades in the month of December for chairs for our propaganda meetings has not been paid nor any portion of it.

We should start payment on this immediately.

We can't do it without funds, and the funds will have to come from our own pockets.

The Socialist Party cannot do business on hot air; that is, promises. We have to pay.

Some comrades have a habit of giving a certain sum aside from all other contributions, into the Local treasury each month.

Can you not help out in this way?

Activity In Washington

ORGANIZATION WORK.

By Alfred Wagenknecht, State Organizer.

Gate, Jan 6 and 7: Helped reorganize local. Sold \$4 worth of literature wholesale which will be retailed in Gate. Started set of books and advised officers. Good prospects.

Cedarville, Jan. 8: School house meeting. Sold literature. Collection. Talked organization. Five joined as members at large. Farming community and residents too far apart for effective local organization.

Oakville, Jan. 9: Socialists hard to find. Sold literature and took subscriptions for organization papers. Arranged with some near-Socialists for future propaganda meetings.

Porter, Jan. 10 and 11: Met in school house and organized local. Public meeting in same place second night and five more members joined. Sold literature and talked organization and anti-fusion. Started set of books for officers and gave general instructions. Outlook very favorable.

Elma, Jan. 12 and 13: Visited Secretary Holman. Books in fine shape. New members met with me second night. Talked organization, anti-fusion, advisability of entering municipal and school campaigns. Women members decided to get active. Will arrange entertainment and invite Local Porter. Took subscription organization paper.

Montesano, Jan. 14: Met with Socialists in parlor of hotel. Montesano Socialists have local organization but do not affiliate with state. Talked over state matters. Big working class element in this town that needs attention.

Satop, Jan. 15: Visited resident Socialists. Got three members at large, sold literature, took subscriptions for organization papers.

Hoquiam and Aberdeen, Jan. 16, 17, 18 and 19: Arranged for a meeting for Sunday to organize local in Hoquiam. Street meeting in Aberdeen night of 17th. Two new members secured by Comrades. Literature sold. Organized Local Hoquiam afternoon of 19th. Hall meeting in Aberdeen night of 19th. Talked on organization. Five new members secured. Acted as chairman of business meeting. Work planned for coming week. Aberdeen to help Hoquiam perfect good organization. Street meetings to be held. De-

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By regular attendance at business meetings.

By showing the necessity of organization to those class-conscious Socialist friends of yours, and inducing them to join the Socialist Party.

By taking a more interested part in the affairs of the Local, doing the work that is assigned you the best you know how.

By doing your kicking in the Local business meetings and not outside, where it does no good.

Local Seattle's Recent Vote for National Executive Committee and National Secretary.

For National Executive Committee:

Bernard Berlin	15
Emil Herman	17
Morris Hillquit	17
J. R. Roe	4
F. L. Schwartz	4
A. M. Simons	4
H. C. Tuck	1
J. D. Graham	6
Arthur M. Lewis	7
H. F. Titus	19
John Spargo	4
M. W. Wilkins	11
Maurice Eldridge	2
Geo. H. Goebel	2
J. W. Kelly	3
J. F. Carey	10
Lena M. Lewis	14
Summer W. Rose	8
A. H. Floaten	3
Dan Hogan	3
T. J. Conrod	2
J. W. Martin	2
Jos. M. Patterson	2
Wm. Brown	1
Theodore W. Curtis	1
E. F. Gary	1
M. Kaplan	1
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Geo. A. Little	1
A. S. McAllister	1
Gertrude B. Hunt	1
Josephine Kaneko	1
J. H. Brower	1
S. M. Reynolds	1
John W. Slayton	1
Fred W. Strickland	1
For National Secretary:	
J. Mahlon Barnes	1
Murray Youtz	13
James A. Slanker	2
H. F. Titus	8
J. W. Catley	1
Number of members voting.	26.

I wish to thank the following comrades for my entertainment: Mr. and Mrs. Buckholz and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cross, of Gate; Couch family and Mr. and Mrs. John Platz, of Cedarville; John and Mrs. and Mrs. Dr. McSillarow, of Porter; Mr. and Mrs. Highlands and Mr. and Mrs. John Finley, of Elma; Mr. Worman and Mr. Wolfe, of Satop; George and Mrs. Croston, of Hoquiam; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Aberdeen.

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Editor "The Socialist."
 Dear Comrade: The fight for the freedom of speech, as far as the S. P. is concerned, has extended to Bellingham.

I was this P. M. convicted, not for obstructing the street, not for speaking on the street, but because I refused to cease speaking at the request of an officer.

The judge in handing down his decision said that while I had a right to speak and though I did not inconvenience any one, I should have complied with the request of the policeman, because I might, if allowed to continue, obstruct the street and inconvenience some one. The fine imposed was \$1.00 and costs. I appealed the case to the Superior Court of Whatcom County.

The working class has no rights which the capitalist class and their henchmen are bound to respect and they are beginning to find it out.

Yours for the revolution,
 EMIL M. HERMAN.

Go to the City Hall and register, if you want to vote the Socialist ticket on March 3rd.

Will the thousands of unemployed, whose photograph we present this week, who marched up to the City Hall to interview "Labor" Mayor Moore about getting work for them and who marched down again as emphysematic as they marched up, will these thousands vote the Socialist ticket on March 3? Not if a few "Direct Action" cranks can prevent it.

"Refused" By Portland Dailies

To the Editor "The Oregonian."
 Sir: I had the privilege of being present at the mass meeting of the "Asiatic Exclusion League," which you report in your paper, issue of January 11th.

After weighing the meeting from all points of view have decided that it was one of the greatest comedies ever played.

In the first place I do not believe that this agitation originated in the working class, but was inspired from above for the purpose of creating war between this country and Japan. But why have war, asks some one? War because both countries have millions of jobless working people and working men, who, if allowed to remain idle long, get troublesome. The unemployed exist because we have filled the storehouses with commodities which the market cannot absorb, so production must cease until the surplus is unloaded.

The first speaker, Mr. Jeffries, said: "This exclusion agitation is a movement for justice." This word justice is the word to conjure with. Many contradictory things are done in his name "O, Justice." When the Chinese organized a league, "The Boxers," to drive the foreigners from China, did we consider the "Boxers Agitation" a movement for "justice"?

The second speaker, the "Hon." (?) Mr. Gearrin, claimed that the "Asiatic Question" is the greatest question we have had since the Civil War. I humbly beg leave to differ with the "Hon." ex-senator. The greatest question of this age or of this epoch of history is the labor problem. Some fear we will have race suicide. Can we expect anything else as long as labor is insecure in its living? The "Hon." ex-senator seems to think that Asiatic exclusion would settle, or stop, Jap labor from competing with American labor. He seems to forget that the different countries of the world are competing for a market for labor's product and that capital migrates to where labor can be exploited the most. So thus labor is forced to compete whether part lives in Japan or all on the American continent.

The third speaker, the Rev. Dr. Wilson, said: "The Japs could not be assimilated into our social life and that they would undermine our institutions, etc."

Have we assimilated into their social life? Have we not been sending missionaries to the Asiatic countries for the purpose of undermining their institutions? Are we squealing because the Japs are beating us at our own game? We are responsible for the relations that exist between the two races for we have been the masters of commerce and communication. We have taught the Japs all that they know that is modern.

"The War," if we have one, will be brought on by such people as Justice Harlan, "Hon." Mr. Gearrin, the Rev. Mr. Wilson, and other tools who will not shoulder a gun and go to the front, but will be good patriotic citizens at home with their mouths.

J. D. SMITH.
 Registration in 1907 n. g. for 1908.

California Unemployed

Editor "The Socialist," Seattle, Wn.
 Dear Comrade:—I have noticed and admired the splendid courage and persistence with which the Seattle comrades have continued the fight for free speech. Nothing like it was ever before witnessed in the United States and great interest is aroused in your fight all over California and if desired and necessary I might raise a little money in California for the fight. However, money is a very scarce article with most of the working class in California.

Since my return here I have been speaking almost every day, and on Xmas day in Oakland we called the first meeting of the unemployed, and perfected the local organization.

Since that time I have held meetings of the unemployed in Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco. The San Francisco meeting was held in Walton's Pavilion and 3,000 unemployed were in attendance. At Oakland we have leased a building able to shelter 1,000 men. Last Sunday we perfected a state organization known as the "California State League of the Unemployed."

This organization is controlled by the Socialists, and is receiving financial support from the trade unions.

The annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor just held at Vallejo endorsed the State League of the Unemployed and recommended to all affiliated unions to give the League their moral and financial support to the end of securing public work for the unemployed, resist any reduction in wages and maintain the present standard of life for all.

Inside the party organization in California there is a fight on between the opportunist element and those of us who fight under the black flag of the class struggle.

You will see something about it in this week's issue of "The World."

Hoping to be in Seattle again about the 20th of February, and join hands with you in the municipal campaign. I am as ever,
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LABOR IN NEVADA

By Ida Crouch Hazlett, Special Correspondent

Editor's Note

The situation in Nevada, as revealed in these reports of Comrade Hazlett, proves once again that Organized Labor can do nothing for itself politically except by voting the Socialist ticket, that is, a Wage Workers' ticket.

The Wage Slaves are a majority in that littlest State of Nevada. They might have had the control of the legislature if they had supported the Socialist Party ticket. Then what could Roosevelt do except withdraw the national troops?

When Socialists get possession of a "Sovereign State," we shall see the fur fly. Now it is within the constitutional province of a state government to coerce any local or municipal government. But what will happen when Labor captures a State government?

This year Nevada, meaning Wage Workers of Nevada, the real Nevada, has the opportunity to come out of the woods and capture the State Government for Labor.

Will the Western Federation of Miners in Nevada be wise enough to embrace this opportunity? Or, will they go off on "Anything-to-beat Sparks," like "Anything-to-beat Peabody" in Colorado and "Anything to beat Gooding" in Idaho?

Or will they, as some of their leaders advocate, make political enclaves of themselves by following "Direct Action" dreams?

In these mountain states this fall the members of the W. F. M. can show their political sense by voting positively for a Party of the Working Class or political idiosyncrasy by voting opportunistically for some Democratic "Friend of Labor" like Adams or Nugent or Skaggs.

There is no reason except idiosyncrasy why the W. F. M. should not capture Nevada this fall and Colorado and Idaho, to say nothing of Montana and Utah.

Will their April convention discard both De Leon Utopias and Berger Reforms and display on the political field the same class sense they show on the industrial?

LABOR IN NEVADA.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 15th, 1908. At noon on Tuesday, Jan. 14, both houses of the Legislature convened in this city in extra session. The unwanted assemblage woke sleepy little Carson up. Carson City is one of those stranded little Western towns that the boom wave has passed years ago. It was made from the fabulous overflow of the Comstock mine of ancient glory, and the rich treasures of Virginia City that startled the world and gave to America its washerwoman aristocracy in the Fairs, Floods and their ilk, that are engaged at present in setting the pace of what is really genteel and womanly by smoking cigarettes in public cafes.

But the boom left Carson as all booms do, and now it is only a sleepy little country town that wakes up

semi-occasionally when the periodical legislative graft is due. The extra session is a godsend to it, and it bustles and puts on a business air to make strangers think it is always this way.

SCALY POLITICS.

Politics showed itself from the very first morn. The administration in Nevada is Democratic, and Bob Skaggs was speaker of the house at the last regular session. When the Washal delegation arrived a boom was launched for Frank Folsom for speaker, who has always opposed Skaggs, and who had the support of a majority of the Republicans. But Attorney-General Stoddard collapsed that boom by handing down a decision a short time before the assembly convened to the effect that the previous organization should prevail during the extra session. When Secretary of State Douglas called the house to order he made the announcement that the old organization would hold over, and Speaker Skaggs took the chair. The claim is now made that such organization is unconstitutional and embarrassing complications may be the result.

It appears that Congressman Bartlett and several other administration heeled made up their minds several days ago that it was not necessary to reorganize for this session, so the present arrangement, as far as it goes, is practically a substantiation of the Governor Sparks policy. It was won, however, by trickery and not by a fair majority agreement.

The senate went through the form of reorganization, although the old organization was retained both as to officers and attaches. Lieutenant-Governor Dickerson is the presiding officer.

WHIP THE SLAVES INTO OBEDIENCE.

The Governor's message was short and dealt almost entirely with the Goldfield business, although "reserving the right to call your attention to other legislative business while in session." "The object and purpose is legislative action concerning contentions between labor unions and mine operators in the mining district of Goldfield." An important factor organized labor is becoming when it can force legislative bodies to assemble to crush its aspirations.

The governor also states that a large majority of the people of the state expressed the hope that the honorable bodies would by petition prevail on the president to retain the troops at Goldfield temporarily if not permanently. This is a point-blank falsification. The "majority" of the people of Nevada are miners and not mine owners, and it is with the latter alone that Sparks has consulted.

He also asks for a military post and a law regulating the police powers of the state.

War! War! Force! Nothing but war against the slave.

Truly, governments are but committees of the ruling class.

COMMITTEES COMBINED.

In the senate three committees were combined to form a special committee to handle all matters pertaining to the Goldfield situation. These were the judiciary, military and Indian affairs, and federal relations.

According to a previous caucus arrangement it was decided and carried through both houses on Wednesday that the Republicans of both bodies choose five members and the Democrats do the same, forming a committee of ten in each house to jointly act on the Goldfield situation. These committees were chosen by the respective political factions, and their appointment confirmed by the presiding officers. Both bodies then adjourned for the afternoon, to allow these committees to confer on how to lick the miners.

Never was there a more flagrant exhibition of the fact that both political parties are simply divisions of the ruling class. These political representatives frankly declare that there is no politics in this, that the only question is what to do with these obstreperous miners.

A joke on the working man as long as he votes for these tools to wield the whip over him.

LABOR OF NO CONSEQUENCE.

There are 22 committees in the Nevada legislatures and not one on labor. Labor is nothing but a haphazard slave as yet in the social mind. There is no conception yet of the injection of system into the doing of the work of the world. There is a committee on corporations, the other side of the proposition—and even one on morals. Folsom, of Ely, is the chairman of the committee on morals. He ran the Palace saloon and gambling house at Goldfield with all the appurtenances. The gambling house was said to have made \$30,000 in a single week. Folsom runs a saloon now at Ely. But he is exactly the proper caper in the eyes of the capitalists of Nevada to fix up the "morals" of the state.

MacKinnon, president of the Goldfield Miners' Union, is here on the complaint against the union being tried in the federal court. The case hangs on unconsciously, being put off again and again for other matters. It is the prevailing opinion that it will be purposely delayed till after some decision in the Goldfield affairs has been reached in the legislature. Some half dozen other union men are also here from various parts of the state.

MACHINISTS OPPOSE SPARKS.

The Machinists' Union of Sparks held a meeting Monday evening and passed resolutions condemning the action of Governor Sparks in calling for troops and offers the support of the machinists to the unions of the Southern camp. The resolutions recommend that the legislature refuse to enact any measures applying to the Goldfield conditions and demand that it leave well enough alone, as the authorities can amply handle the situation there. A copy of these resolutions will be presented to the legislature.

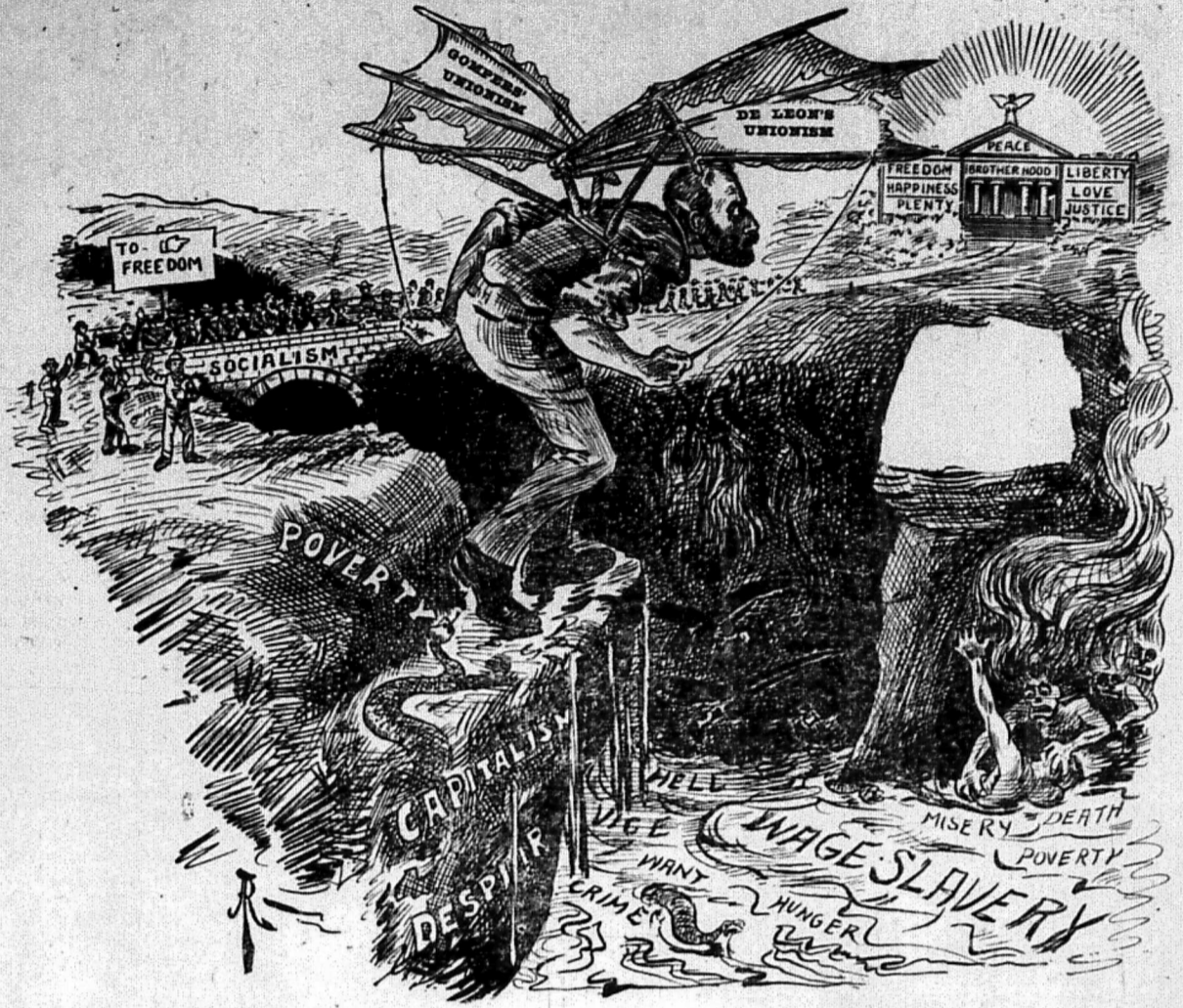
Acting President Mahoney has returned to Denver.

The appearance of a labor reporter at the sessions of the legislature has occasioned some little flurry in both houses. The chief clerk said he had been there for years and never knew such a thing to happen before. Everybody seems to be making rather an exaggerated effort to be pleasant though, and caring for your reporter's comfort.

NEVADA LEGISLATURE ROARING FARCE.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 18, '08. The august solons of Nevada have gone home over Sunday for a two days' and a half rest from their arduous week's work of voting \$25,000 for their special sessions to quench the Goldfield, miner, and meeting and adjourning without doing anything whatever every morning and afternoon. This legislature is the most insane farcical fiasco that the Western Mine Owners' Association has yet put upon the working man. Even the speaker of the house calls it a burlesque. The membership act like a pack of driven sheep. They are afraid to call their souls their own. They hang their

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heads in dumb imbecility, looking for the master word to come from somewhere. And nothing has come so far. Sparks has complete control of the situation so far with the exception of the organization of the House, and this is due alone to the belligerent attitude of Speaker Skaggs, who has maintained, and is supported by the best legal talent in doing so, that a legislature when organized is organized for its whole life of two years. He practically forced the attorney general to reverse himself and render a decision his way, as when the secretary of state insisted on reading the proclamation of the convening of the session, he immediately advanced to call the body to order, and was prepared to do so had there been a contest, by physical force.

FAVORABLE TO FEDERATION.

The legislature as at present organized is the one that turned Governor Sparks' constabulary measure down last year, and passed rousing resolutions for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

The Republicans are supporting Sparks (a Democrat) solid in his fight on the Federation, and they are the ones that have been fighting persistently during the whole session for a reorganization of the assembly. If they got a chance they could probably find enough Democrats supporting Sparks so as to change the speakership and the control of the House entirely.

But they can't handle Skaggs. He stands flat on his constitutional rights that he is the speaker, and all their machinations have failed to make any headway against him as yet. Folsom of Washoe county, a Republican, is leading the fight against him. He finally moved a resolution declaring for a vote on organization. Skaggs ruled it out of order. Folsom appealed from the decision of the chair, but he was turned down hard, and Skaggs still looms serene above the scene.

HARD AFTER THE GOVERNOR.

Skaggs, Honest Bob, as he is called throughout Nevada, is bitterly opposed to Sparks. He considers "His Excellency" as nothing but a drunken mercenary politician, of the worst stamp. There may be "politics" in this also. Should Sparks be the nominee of the next Democratic convention, and it is understood that he wishes his mal-administration to be endorsed in that way, his party would lose the solid vote of the Federation. Skaggs is already named as his rival for the governor's place on the ticket. Skaggs is making reputation already with the working men by declaring that he thinks the governor's Goldfield policy is ridiculous. He thinks the least government is the best, and avers that the poorest sort of a civil government is better than any kind of a military government. He is opposed to any artificial policing of the state and says our American form of government as at present constituted is good enough for anyone.

SPARKS CRACKING THE WHIP.

But Sparks is in control of the situation so far. His message was most carefully worded and guarded and strictly within the constitutional limits as relating to a special session. The constitution provides that only those subjects shall be handled for which the call is issued, or such other matters as the governor may deem essential. The Goldfield matter is all that was mentioned in the message. By a railroad plan this was imme-

diately thrown into a committee of twenty, ten from each house consisting of five Democrats and five Republicans. This picked twenty has virtually taken the whole thing out of the hands of the legislature proper, the chosen representatives of the people, and is putting the fate of the Federation in Nevada in the hands of a star chamber. All hearings on the subject are before this committee, all proposed bills are requested to be presented to it. As it has charge of all business that the governor has assigned there is nothing else for the legislative body to do but to wait on this committee. Hence both houses meet day after day, are in session about fifteen minutes, and then adjourn, because there is nothing doing. Everybody is laughing at the farce-comedy and even the members, meek and docile as they are, are getting disgusted.

SPARKS BOSSED ONE MEASURE THROUGH.

But one matter has been acted upon so far and Sparks had his way in that, and that was the passing of the resolutions asking Roosevelt to keep the troops in Goldfield until after some action had been decided upon by the legislature.

The act had been passed by the Senate Thursday morning. It came to the House in the afternoon. The understanding was that it was to be discussed freely from the floor. The governor came in to boss the job, whereupon Speaker Skaggs left the chair—of course he wouldn't sit up there with the governor. In eight minutes the whole thing was passed, the men voting like a lot of sheep. Not a word was said. Folsom, Republican, the governor's right hand man in the assembly, was in the chair. The men simply hung their heads and voted "yes." Two men refused to vote. Skaggs was not present when his name was called. The daily papers that are opposing him made a lot of this and said he dodged the issue. He declared to the writer that he had no such intentions whatever, that in a talk before the meeting was called it was understood that there would be free discussion, that he and his wife had just changed their boarding place and he had stepped out to send word by a boy, and when he came back was amazed to find that the measure had passed. He said he should have voted no emphatically, and forced the measure to discussion. Others think that Folsom and Sparks saw Skaggs was out and forthwith rushed the military resolutions through.

Senator Pyne in advocating the measure said: "Wages have been reduced in Goldfield. The coming of the troops and the importation of strike breakers have changed conditions. Now all men who seek employment in the mines must renounce their affiliation with the Western Federation of Miners. All persons familiar with labor conditions know that strife is engendered when the attempt is made to fill the places of union men by non-unionists."

Governor Sparks is jubilant and telegraphed the White House immediately. He said: "The passage of this measure is one of the greatest things that could have happened to this state."

IN DEFIANCE OF THE LAW.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 18, '08. Nevada has one of the most severe laws against blacklisting that there is in the United States. And the very fact that this legislature is called to

enforce and protect the conditions the mine owners have attempted to impose upon the miners, namely, to employ no one that belongs to the union, bears testimony to the fact that the government of Nevada is defying its own law in attempting to sustain the blacklisters. This is the only state that has a legislature in session this winter, and it is called to crush labor.

President Mackinnon of Goldfield Union and Charles Clough, the delegate to the legislature, have prepared a bill which they have handed to the "Committee of Twenty." The measure is a weak one from a working class standpoint, as it is practically an admission that there is occasion to legislate against the miners at this time. The bill provides for a special state fund of \$25,000 to be set aside to preserve the peace and dignity of the state of Nevada; that in case of disturbance the sheriff and the county commissioners be empowered to deputize needed assistance, the means to be provided from this special fund.

It is expected that the final report of the committee will be fought out fiercely on the floor of the house, and the union men have telegraphed John M. O'Neill, editor of the Miners' Magazine, to be present and present their side.

SHOULD INVESTIGATE.

The entire matter of dealing with the industrial matters at Goldfield has had an unfair, mouldy politician flavor from the first. There is a feeling that the matter should have been carefully investigated by the legislature at first before any action was taken. But there has been not the slightest suggestion of investigation by that body. The newspapers are constantly making the assertion and everybody is taking it for granted that Goldfield is in a state of danger from the union men, and the only question is how shall the state protect itself against them. When this is the very thing that should be ascertained first. It is a lie on the face of it.

The action of the governor has been practically endorsed by the resolution calling for the retention of the troops till some plan was agreed upon, and Sparks sat overlooking the assembly while they voted, to cow them by his presence and whip them into line.

Capt. Cox, his military representative at Goldfield during the trouble, threatens to bring Speaker Skaggs to time if he opposes the governor by exposing his military record on the Cuban expedition. Both were members of the Rough Riders.

NEVADA CHAGRINED.

The Nevada bosses hardly know where they are at since Congress has appointed an investigation committee on the Goldfield situation. The legislature asked for the troops pending further action and Roosevelt telegraphed his acquiescence. But Congress sends a committee to look into matters, a thing the Nevada legislature has not done. The Nevada mine owner representatives are looking dubious. It looks as though perhaps they wouldn't have things all their own way. The way the local papers are taking the news is highly amusing. Those that have been most anxious to proclaim to the world that Nevada was dominated by a state of terrorism and have shrieked like a baby to the national government for aid are now going into hysterics because the congressional committee is coming here to remain until the trouble be-

settled. They are getting enough of the baby act. They will now have a boss that will tell them what they can do, and this they now want to repudiate.

The "Carson City News" shrieks forth that it "objects to a gang of junketers from the national capital parading about through Nevada and saying to the world that Nevada is unable to insure protection to its citizens." It further says:

"And if such a damnable insult to the sovereign state of Nevada is the price of keeping troops at the Goldfield mining district for the period of a few days, for God's sake get them away. We need no congressional junket, nor meaningless investigations. Let the legislators of Nevada put the state where it belongs instead of making it the laughing stock and the mark for ill-mannered jokes by mealy-mouthed and water-veined paragraph writers of the east."

This paper has been most insistent that the troops should be kept here, and most bitter in its denunciation of the union. But they don't want any investigation. They want the career of blood and thunder and braggadocio and terror that the mine owners have inaugurated to make their slaves take depreciated scrip and lower wages and knock the union out of business, to go on backed by the bayonets of the government that they don't want that government to find out what their dirty underhanded business really is.

FATED TO POLICE MEASURE.

It is the general opinion that a measure to police the state will go through. Congressman Bartlett has prepared an elaborate bill and if the legislature manifests the same sheep-following tendencies that it has exhibited heretofore there will probably be but little opposition to whatever Sparks wishes to belch forth upon them.

This state has had the name in Congress of being the "rotten borough" of America, a cognomen it received under the rotten political bossism of Senator "Silver" Jones and under a bear-eyed, drunken governor, bound to shoot holes into working men's hides and lash them into submission the way he did the "niggers" where he was raised, it bids fair to do credit to its present malodorous reputation.

INJUNCTION AGAINST GOLDFIELD UNION.

The hearing on the injunction applied for by the mine owners against Union No. 220 of the Western Federation drags on slowly before Judge Farrington in the federal court here. The purpose is undoubtedly to delay a decision until after the legislature has terminated its sittings, when it is probable that a modified injunction will be granted.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

Will you register, tomorrow?

Frank Cotterill has more excuse for his support of the Fake Labor Mayor. He is Business Agent of the Central Labor Council and his bread and butter depends on his standing in with that "inner circle" of "Labor Leaders" who run the Labor Temple and think they run the rank and file of Union men in this city. Frank and the rest of these "Leaders" will discover about March 4 they can't deliver the goods for their "Labor Mayor," who does nothing for Labor except give Mike Maloney a \$3600 job and organize the Chain Gang.

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